

**CLAIMS**

- 5 1. A pressure relieving dressing comprising an absorbent element (1) and a substantially non-absorbing pressure distributing element (2), wherein the absorbent element (1) constitutes a part of a proximal skin contacting surface, said absorbent element (1) being encircled by the pressure distributing element (2) constituting the remaining part of the surface of the dressing to be in contact with the skin, characterised in that the absorbent element (1) is situated excentrically with respect to the pressure distributing element (2).
- 10 2. A dressing according to claim 1 characterised in that the absorbent element (1) is situated at the border of the pressure distributing element (2).
- Sub A2 3. A dressing according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the pressure distributing element (2) is an elastomer.
- 15 4. A dressing according to claim 3, characterised in that the elastomer comprises a synthetic polymers such as silicones, polyurethanes, elastomeric copolymers or hydrophobic foams with designed properties or is a natural polymer such as natural rubber.
- 20 5. A dressing according to any of claims 1-4, characterised in that the absorbent element (1) comprises a hydrophilic foam, such as polyurethane, silicone, styrene-butadiene, styrene-isoprene or a surface coated polyethylene, or water soluble or gelling biopolymers such as polysaccharides, e.g. alginates, polyvinylpyrrolidone gels or hydrocolloids.
6. A dressing according to any of claims 1-5, characterised in that the surface opposite the skin-contacting surface of the dressing is covered by a top layer (3).
- 25 7. A dressing according to any of claims 1-6, characterised in that the absorbent element (1) extends through the pressure distributing element (2).
8. A dressing according to any of claims 1-6, characterised in that the absorbent element (1) extend partly through the pressure distributing element (2).

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9. A dressing according to any of claims 1-8, characterised in that the pressure redistributing material (2) comprises one or more indentations (9).

10. A dressing according to any of claims 1-9, characterised in that the dressing comprises a pressure indicator.

5 11. A dressing according to any of claims 1-10, characterised in that the absorbent element (1) comprises a pharmaceutical or antimicrobial agent.

12. A dressing according to any of claims 1-11, characterised in that the surface of the dressing to be brought in contact with the skin shows adhesive properties.

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